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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE  
ASSOCIATION, INC., A UTAH NON-PROFIT  
CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO  
DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE  
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE  
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,  
AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS  
NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE  
RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC  
TRANSFORMATION ORDER

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RESPONSE TO STAFF REQUEST  
TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE

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1 South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., a non-profit Utah corporation, doing  
2 business as South Central Communications ("SCC"), hereby responds to Staff's Request for a  
3 Suspension of the Procedural Schedule, filed on March 14, 2014.

4 SCC greatly appreciates Staff's consideration and cooperation in working out a  
5 streamlined process for Arizona's small telephone companies to deal with the potentially  
6 catastrophic loss of federal high-cost-loop support as a result of the FCC's Transformation  
7 Order. SCC understands that there has been a motion filed with the FCC that could mean, if  
8 granted, that the FCC will delay setting a benchmark rate floor and requiring compliance  
9 therewith by June 1, 2014. However, there is no certainty that the FCC will grant any relief.  
10 The FCC could still soon set the benchmark and require SCC to raise rates to that level or face  
11 dollar-for-dollar losses of federal funding.

12 For these reasons, SCC can only support Staff's request based on an understanding that,  
13 if the FCC does require compliance with a new benchmark by June 1 or shortly thereafter, Staff  
14 will work with the affected companies and Hearing Division to resume the hearings as  
15 expeditiously as necessary so as to avoid any potential loss of federal funds.

1 Respectfully submitted on March 17, 2014.

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